

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Rewrite the paragraph starting on page 29, line 7, as follows:

In this way, by recording a bitmap on the optical disk 11, even if both recorded regions and unrecorded regions ~~[[exit]]~~ exist in the data zone of the optical disk 11, such as a CD-RW disk and a DVD+RW disk, it is possible to normally read data from the unrecorded regions, thereby achieving compatibility of optical disks between different optical disk recording and reproducing devices.

Rewrite the paragraph starting on page 30, line 3, as follows:

Summarizing the effects of the present invention, even though both recorded regions and unrecorded regions ~~[[exit]]~~ exist in a rewritable recording medium, data recorded in such a recording medium can be correctly read out.